

REMARKS

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 30, 2004, Applicant has now canceled the pending claims and has added new Claims 13-15. For the Examiner's information, claims of similar scope to these newly added claims have been allowed by the British and Australian Patent Offices in co-pending patent applications.

With regard to European Patent Specification No. 1 006 124, this patent discloses a composition for use in inducing immunity comprising a peptide or peptide mixture obtainable by a process that includes collecting the body fluid of an invertebrate, particularly an insect.

In Example 1 of this patent, a method of preparation is described that includes the use of a blowfly that is bacterially challenged using a needle soaked in a suspension of heat-killed E. coli. Such a method is satisfactory when one is preparing small quantities of a composition in a laboratory for trial purposes, but is totally unsuitable as far as the volume production of an immunity-inducing preparation is concerned.

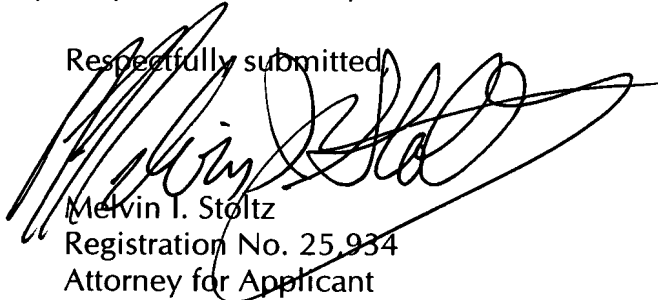
There is no suggestion in European Patent Specification No. 1 006 124 as to how one should prepare large quantities of the preparation. In this regard, the claims as now presented are directed to an extremely cost-effective method of preparing large quantities of an immunity generating preparation, i.e. by the use of maggots, tissues, larval forms or derivatives that have been fed on a food containing pathogens.

Feeding of the maggots or insects on a food containing pathogens results in the production of immunity-inducing anti-bodies in the maggots or insects and the immunity-inducing properties are then passed on, in a manner comparable to that described in European Patent Specification No. 1 006 124.

Based upon the following Amendment and the arguments presented herein, Applicant believes that Claims 13-15 as now presented are all in condition for allowance.

Of course, if any questions remain, the undersigned Attorney would be pleased to discuss any such questions in a telephone call in order to expedite this matter. For this purpose, Applicant's Attorney has provided his telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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